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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 2380-207

Date: February 8, 2001



Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASING CONNECTIONS IN AN ACCESS NETWORK**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ **An abstract together with**  
**21 pages of specification and claims including**  
**45 numbered claims and also attached are**  
**11 sheets of accompanying drawings.**

☐ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

☒ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date
60/183,325	February 18, 2000
60/184,327	February 23, 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

☒ **Also attached:** ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement / PTO-1449 / 1 reference;** ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐

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